



Holy Eucharist Rite II
Church of the Advent
The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 14, 2025, 10:30 AM

Welcome to Advent. Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope you meet God here today. All baptized Christians in any tradition are welcome to receive Holy Communion. We invite you to join us for coffee and conversation in the Parish Hall following the service.

Children of all ages are welcome in the service. Nursery is available for children four years and under across the courtyard in the Parish Hall. Older children are invited to follow the cross during the Gloria for a children's homily. Find activity bags and coloring sheets for children in the narthex.

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) is the red book in the racks. The 1982 Hymnal is the blue book; the hymnal "S" pages appear in the front of this book. LEVAS (Lift Every Voice and Sing) is the black and red hymnal at both the pews' ends.

Our services are live-streamed and available to the public via our YouTube channel. Please speak to an usher if you prefer not to be on camera.



New or Visiting This Morning?

We would love to pray for you by name this week and have the opportunity to get to know you. Please fill out the welcome card found in the pew or through the QR code to the left.

Prelude *Sheep may safely graze* by JS Bach Waldemar Wensell

The Word of God

Rite II BCP p. 355

Please stand as able

Processional *Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing* Hymnal #334

Celebrant: Blessed Be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be His kingdom, now and for ever.**

The Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

The Gloria

Gloria in excelsis Deo

Hymnal #S-280

† *The children are invited to follow the cross to the Children's Chapel.* †

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Please stand or kneel as able

O God, because without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

Please sit

First Lesson

The Book of Jeremiah 4:11-28

A Reading from the Book of the prophet Jeremiah

¹¹ At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert towards my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse— ¹² a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgement against them.

¹³ Look! He comes up like clouds,
his chariots like the whirlwind;
his horses are swifter than eagles—
woe to us, for we are ruined!

¹⁴ O Jerusalem, wash your heart clean of wickedness
so that you may be saved.

How long shall your evil schemes
lodge within you?

¹⁵ For a voice declares from Dan
and proclaims disaster from Mount Ephraim.

¹⁶ Tell the nations, ‘Here they are!’
Proclaim against Jerusalem,
‘Besiegers come from a distant land;
they shout against the cities of Judah.

¹⁷ They have closed in around her like watchers of a field,
because she has rebelled against me,
says the Lord.

¹⁸ Your ways and your doings
have brought this upon you.
This is your doom; how bitter it is!
It has reached your very heart.’

¹⁹ My anguish, my anguish! I writhe in pain!
Oh, the walls of my heart!
My heart is beating wildly;
I cannot keep silent;
for I hear the sound of the trumpet,
the alarm of war.

²⁰ Disaster overtakes disaster,

the whole land is laid waste.
Suddenly my tents are destroyed,
my curtains in a moment.
²¹ How long must I see the standard,
and hear the sound of the trumpet?
²² 'For my people are foolish,
they do not know me;
they are stupid children,
they have no understanding.
They are skilled in doing evil,
but do not know how to do good.'
²³ I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void;
and to the heavens, and they had no light.
²⁴ I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking,
and all the hills moved to and fro.
²⁵ I looked, and lo, there was no one at all,
and all the birds of the air had fled.
²⁶ I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert,
and all its cities were laid in ruins
before the Lord, before his fierce anger.
²⁷ For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a
full end.
²⁸ Because of this the earth shall mourn,
and the heavens above grow black;
for I have spoken, I have purposed;
I have not relented nor will I turn back.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 14 *please read responsively by whole verse beginning with the Lector.*

¹ Fools say in their hearts, ‘There is no God.’

They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds;
there is no one who does good.

² **The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind
to see if there are any who are wise,
who seek after God.**

³ They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse;
there is no one who does good,
no, not one.

⁴ **Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers
who eat up my people as they eat bread,
and do not call upon the Lord?**

⁵ There they shall be in great terror,
for God is with the company of the righteous.

⁶ **You would confound the plans of the poor,
but the Lord is their refuge.**

⁷ O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!
When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

Second Lesson

1 Timothy 1:12-17

A Reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy.

¹² I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able.

Hymn *Savior, like a shepherd lead us*

Hymnal #708

The Gospel

Luke 15:1-10

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People: **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

15 Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, ‘This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.’

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ ‘Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices.

⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, “Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.” ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

⁸ ‘Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, “Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.” ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Brian McVey

Please stand as able.

The Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

Please kneel or stand as able.

The Prayers of the People, Form III

BCP p. 387

The Confession and Absolution

BCP p. 393

Please stand as able.

The Peace

BCP p. 360

Please sit.

The Welcome and Announcements

*The offering plates are on either side of the center aisle by the front pew.
You may also give online through the QR code to the right.*



The Offertory

Organ Voluntary

Waldemar Wensell

Please stand as able

Presentation Hymn

Praise God, from whom all blessings ...

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP p. 361

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

BCP p. 377

Sanctus

Hymnal #S-129

Please stand or kneel as able.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 364

Fraction Anthem

Christ our Passover

Hymnal #S-155

This table belongs to God, not the church. It is prepared for everyone who loves God and wants to love God more. So come, whether your faith is strong or weak. Come, whether you have been here many times or not in a long time. Come, whether you are struggling or content. God invites you to meet Him here. All baptized Christians, regardless of tradition, are welcome.

Communion Music

Organ Meditation

Waldemar Wensell

The Post-Communion Prayer

BCP p. 365

The Blessing

Closing Hymn I want to walk as a child of the light Hymnal #490

The Dismissal

BCP p. 366

Postlude: Postlude on the closing hymn Waldemar Wensell

**The Flowers on the Altar are given by Flora Ukoli in Thanksgiving to God
and in celebration of both her own birthday and that of Christiana's!**

Thank You to our Servers Today:

Celebrant: The Rev. Brian McVey

Deacon & Preacher: The Rev. Suzie Johnston

Verger: Candida Bannister

Crucifer: Lilian Williams

Torch Bearers: Hannah McVey and Katie Womack

Psalmist: Joshua McVey

Lector: Carol LaNeve

Chalice Bearers: Tom DiNella and Candida Bannister

Music Director: Waldemar Wensell

Children's Chapel: Anoosh Howser

Nursery: Jane Simmons

Vestry: Flora Ukoli

Ushers: Jonathan Williams and Jerry Rice

Flower Guild: Edith Nau

Altar Guild: Anne Williams, Jeri Platt, and Jane Simmons

Streamers: Joshua McVey, Hannah McVey, Katie Womack, John Womack, Lilian Williams



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